

John Smart's election to this position is only the latest in a long and distinguished career in service to our country and to his fellow veterans. Mr. Smart served in the United States Army from October 1970 to April 1973, in Vietnam, where he was assigned to the 176th Assault Helicopter Company (American Division) at Chu Lai. His meritorious service was recognized with the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal with four stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

While serving in Vietnam, he joined VFW Post #2181 in Exeter, New Hampshire. Following his return from military service in 1973, he moved quickly through the VFW Department of New Hampshire chairs and earned recognition as an All-American Department Commander during the 1981-82 year. In 1983 he served as Chairman of the National Youth Activities Committee and from 1991-1993 as Chairman of the National Buddy Poppy Committee. In 1995 he was appointed to the position of National Chief of Staff.

Mr. Smart served his community of Nashua as a firefighter, retiring after 21 years. He has served as VFW New Hampshire Department Adjutant/Quartermaster since 1985. He is a Life Member of VFW Post #483 in Nashua and in addition to his service to the VFW he holds membership in the Military Order of the Cooties, American Legion, Elks, Retired Firefighters Association and the US Army Association. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Managers of the New Hampshire Veterans Home since 1987 and has served as a New Hampshire State Representative.

John Smart is the first member of the Department of New Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars to be elected to the office of National Commander-in-Chief. I can think of no New Hampshire citizen more dedicated to his country and to the cause of assisting his fellow veterans. His wife, Mary, his two children, John R. and Cheryl, and his five grandchildren have reason for great pride in this husband, father and grandfather who has so ably contributed his time and efforts toward the service of others. I have been honored to work with John Smart over my years here in the Senate, while serving as Governor in New Hampshire and earlier in the House of Representatives. I commend him to the Senate and know you will join me in extending to him and his family our congratulations, our thanks for his past accomplishments and continuing service and our best wishes during his year of service as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Commander-in-Chief.●

TRIBUTE TO BILL MULLEN, 1999 GRAND MARSHAL OF THE LABOR DAY MARCH

●Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Bill Mullen, who has been chosen as the

1999 Grand Marshal of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council AFL-CIO Labor Day March and Observance. The Labor Council is proud to honor Bill for his lifetime dedication to working families in the New Jersey Labor Movement, and especially Ironworkers Local 11. It is a pleasure for me to be able to honor his accomplishments.

Bill Mullen served in the United States Army during 1967 and 1968, and was stationed in Korea. He was later discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Returning to New Jersey, Bill completed his apprenticeship, and worked as an Ironworker, Shop Steward, Journeyman, Foreman, and Superintendent for various construction companies throughout the state.

For over thirty years Bill has been an active member in the labor movement. In 1981, Bill was elected by his fellow colleagues to be the Vice President of Ironworkers Local 11, and later became President in 1989. He has also served as Trustee of the Ironworkers of Northern New Jersey District Council Pension Fund and an active member of the New Jersey Alliance for Action. Currently, he serves as President of the Essex County Building and Construction Trades Council, an organization with 17 affiliates that represents over 12,000 craftmembers throughout Essex County, New Jersey. Bill is a committed worker, colleague, and leader who exemplifies the best of New Jersey Labor Leaders.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize a leader of great stature in New Jersey's labor community. Through these years, fighting for the cause of working men and women, Bill has been known to stand on principle, loyalty, and hard work. It is with pride that I honor Bill on his selection as Grand Marshal.●

TRIBUTE TO YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

●Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, this year marks the 250th anniversary of York County, Pennsylvania. Today, I rise to recognize the establishment and storied history of this county which contributed greatly to the founding of our Nation.

Established in 1749, York had formerly been a part of neighboring Lancaster County. The citizens of York had petitioned for their own county so that they could establish a courthouse in closer proximity to their jail. With the granting of the petition, York became the first county in Pennsylvania west of the Susquehanna River and the fifth county in Pennsylvania overall. Since that time, the county has developed rich and dynamic civic, social, political and economic institutions, including both durable agricultural and industrial bases, and serves as a model for communities across the Commonwealth and the Nation.

Mr. President, from September 1777 through June 1778, York served as the capital of our Nation. As British Gen-

eral Howe's army occupied Philadelphia, our early government, the Continental Congress, was first moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After one day, the Continental Congress sought to place further distance between it and the British, so it crossed the Susquehanna river at Wrights' Ferry and resumed session in the Colonial Court-house in Center Square, York.

Mr. President, it was during the time that the York hosted our nation's government that the Marquis de Lafayette made the famous "toast that saved the nation." With this toast, Lafayette proclaimed his continued support for, and espoused the attributes of, General Washington at a time when certain factions were calling for the General to be replaced. This toast has been credited as saving George Washington's position as our first Commander in Chief. It was also during the time that the Continental Congress convened in York that it adopted the Articles of Confederation. This important document was the precursor to the Constitution and marked the first use of the term "United States of America."

Mr. President, the people of York County are proud of their history and their traditions. I am proud to join York in this celebration and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating York on its 250th anniversary.●

RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PATRICK M. HUGHES

●Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of Senators the retirement of Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes of the United States Army. A native of Great Falls Montana, I am proud that one of our native sons has made such a vital contribution to the defense of this great country, through a military career spanning nearly 40 years.

The recipient of many military awards and honors, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, General Hughes has been a valuable friend to me and the people he has served in his distinguished career.

Although we have come to expect people of high caliber and dedication in our armed forces, General Hughes's service has been exceptional. Most recently assigned as the Director for Intelligence, J2, the Joint Staff, General Hughes began his military career in 1962. Following completion of his enlistment in 1965, he attended Montana State University, where he graduated in 1968. He was then commissioned in the U.S. Army infantry, and served two tours in Vietnam. He commanded several military intelligence (MI) detachments, an MI battalion, an MI brigade and the Army Intelligence Agency. He also served in senior staff positions, including a tour as the J2 of the U.S. Central Command.

Throughout his distinguished career, General Hughes's tireless and sincere